

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("---"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating communication services, comprising:

a computer processor;

a plurality of communication suites of communication services, each respective communication suite comprising:

~~at least one of~~ a plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts, each ~~communications~~ communication account associated with one of a plurality of ~~communications~~ communication services, the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication services comprising a first ~~communications~~ communication service; and

a respective option configuration, ~~the respective option configuration~~ comprising at least one configurable option for ~~the first~~ each ~~communications~~ communication service associated within the respective communication suite, wherein each communication suite has a setting for ~~the at least one~~ each configurable option within the respective communication suite;

a local service interface layer associated with each communication suite, wherein the local service interface layer instantiates a local user agent for each ~~communications~~ communication service of the communication suite; and

a local tray manager that instantiates each of the local service interface layers and regulates a level of communications that occurs between a respective local service interface layer and local user agents associated with the local service interface layer, wherein the local tray manager detects when a desktop component that is associated with one of the plurality of communication suites is active and then directs the local service interface layer associated with the communication suite to assume an active

status and directs a remainder of communication suites to assume an inactive status, whereby the local user agents of inactive communication suites notify associated ~~communications~~ communication services of the inactive states of the communication suites,

wherein the local service interface layer for an active communication suite is directed by the local tray manager to communicate directly to a local user interface and a local service interface layer for an inactive communication suite is directed by the local tray manager to suppress communications with the local user interface thereby causing the local user agents of the inactive communication suite to not receive and display message notifications for the inactive plurality of communication accounts associated with the inactive communication suite,

wherein the setting associated with each of the communication services associated with the active communication suite is implemented for the first communication service in lieu of recognizing the setting associated with each of the communication services of the inactive communication suite.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the setting corresponds to a configuration setting on configuring message retention folders within a messaging user interface associated with the first ~~communications~~ communication service.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a first user interface to the first ~~communications~~ communication service, wherein the first user interface is configured to determine which of the at least one of the plurality of communication accounts is actively being utilized by a user.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each respective communication suite further comprises:

a username for accessing the respective communication suite;

a password for accessing the respective communication suite;

a label identifying the respective communication suite;
customized rules for implementing the first ~~communications~~ communication service; and
a class type, wherein a particular operation may be not be performed for a particular class type.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is an email service.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a first graphical display area displaying information associated with the first ~~communications~~ communication service for a respective communication suite of ~~communications~~ communication accounts that is being actively utilized by the user; and
a second graphical display area displaying information associated with the first ~~communications~~ communication service for a respective communication suite of ~~communications~~ communication accounts that is not being actively utilized by the user.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the second graphical display area is smaller than the first graphical display area.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the respective option configuration includes a folder list for sorting email messages.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts include an account to the email service.

10-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating ~~communications~~ communication services, comprising:

a computer processor;

a tray manager associating a first ~~communications~~ communication account of a first ~~communications~~ communication service with a first identifier;

the tray manager associating a second ~~communications~~ communication account of a second ~~communications~~ communication service with the first identifier, wherein a first ~~communications~~ communication suite comprises the first ~~communications~~ communication account and the second ~~communications~~ communication account;

the tray manager associating a first options configuration with the first identifier, the first options configuration comprising at least one configurable option for the first ~~communications~~ communication service;

the tray manager associating a third ~~communications~~ communication account of the first communication service with a second identifier, wherein a second ~~communications~~ communication suite comprises the third ~~communications~~ communication account;

the tray manager detecting that one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

a user interface display displaying, upon detection, in a large display area, information received from the first ~~communications~~ communication service via the first ~~communications~~ communication account according to the first options configuration and

restricting, upon detection, the display of information associated with the third ~~communications~~ communication account to a small display area.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts is the first ~~communications~~ communication account.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts is the second ~~communications~~ communication account.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating communication services, comprising:

- a computer processor; and

- a tray manager associating a plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts with a first identifier, the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts comprising a first ~~communications~~ communication account for a first ~~communications~~ communication service and a second ~~communications~~ communication account for a second ~~communications~~ communication service;

- the tray manager associating an options configuration with the first identifier, wherein the options configuration includes at least one configurable setting option related to the first ~~communications~~ communication service;

- the tray manager detecting that the second ~~communications~~ communication account for the second ~~communications~~ communication service associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

- the tray manager implementing, upon detection, the options configuration associated with the first identifier including the at least one configurable setting option related to the first ~~communications~~ communication service.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating ~~communications~~ communication services, comprising:

- associating a first ~~communications~~ communication account of a first ~~communications~~ communication service with a first identifier;

- associating a second ~~communications~~ communication account of a second ~~communications~~ communication service with the first identifier, wherein a first ~~communications~~ communication suite comprises the first ~~communications~~

communication account and the second ~~communications~~ communication account;

associating a first options configuration with the first identifier, the first options configuration comprising at least one configurable option for the first ~~communications~~ communication service;

associating a third ~~communications~~ communication account of the first communication service with a second identifier, wherein a second ~~communications~~ communication suite comprises the third ~~communications~~ communication account;

detecting that one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized;

upon detection, displaying in a large display area, information received from the first ~~communications~~ communication service via the first ~~communications~~ communication account according to the first options configuration; and

upon detection restricting the display of information associated with the third ~~communications~~ communication account to a small display area.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts is the first ~~communications~~ communication account.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the one of the ~~communications~~ communication accounts is the second ~~communications~~ communication account.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
associating a second options configuration, wherein the second options configuration comprises at least one configurable option of the first ~~communications~~ communication service;

wherein before the detecting step, the large display area displayed information received from the first ~~communications~~ communication service of the third

~~communications~~ communication account according to the second options configuration and the second display area displayed information associated with the first ~~communications~~ communication account.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, the first options configuration including a first folder list of communication messages and the second options configuration including a second folder list of communication messages, wherein after the detecting step, the large display area displayed a complete version of the first folder list and the small display area displayed an incomplete version of the second folder list.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, the displaying step further comprising:

- determining a particular communication account that is actively being utilized;
- identifying that the particular communication account is associated with the first identifier; and

- determining that the first ~~communications~~ communication service and the first options configuration are associated with the first identifier.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the particular communication account is an email account and the first options configuration includes a folder list for email messages.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

- creating a first identity that is associated with the first identifier, wherein the identity has a first username and a first password;

- wherein the detecting step further comprises:

- recognizing that a user has assumed the first identity by providing the first username and the first password for the first identity;

- associating the first identity with the first identifier; and

determining that the first ~~communications~~ communication account and the first options configuration are associated with the first identifier.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is an email service.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is an Internet call waiting service.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is an instant messaging service.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is a videoconferencing service.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating communication services, comprising:

associating a plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts with a first identifier, the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts comprising a first ~~communications~~ communication account for a first ~~communications~~ communication service and a second ~~communications~~ communication account for a second ~~communications~~ communication service;

associating an options configuration with the first identifier, wherein the options configuration includes at least one configurable setting option related to the first ~~communications~~ communication service;

detecting that the second ~~communications~~ communication account for the second ~~communications~~ communication service associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

upon detection, implementing the options configuration associated with the first

identifier including the at least one configurable setting option related to the first ~~communications~~ communication service.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the one of the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts associated with the first identifier that is being actively utilized is not a ~~communications~~ communication account for the first ~~communications~~ communication service.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the first ~~communications~~ communication service is an email service.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the options configurations include customized email settings for the email service.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the one of the plurality of ~~communications~~ communication accounts associated with the first identifier that is being actively utilized is an account to an instant messaging service.